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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 1-117-87

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: ERRONEOUS NOTIFICATIONS REGARDING FOOD STAMPS

It has been brought to our attention that the Social Security Administration (SSA) includes a food stamp information notice (SSA Pub.No.17-001) with its redetermination forms (SSA-8202) which are mailed each year to certain recipients of Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payments (SSI/SSP) for completion. The food stamp notice is designed for use nationwide and is inappropriate for SSI/SSP recipients residing in California. Recipients of SSI/SSP in this State are not eligible for food stamps because their monthly payments already include "food stamp cash-out" benefits.

We have asked SSA to modify the information provided recipients in this State. The Region IX Office of SSA has advised us that they have asked their Central Office to stamp or attach a disclaimer to future redetermination notices sent to California recipients which explains that they are not eligible for food stamps. Until this action is taken, counties may expect and should be prepared to receive inquiries and requests for food stamps from SSI/SSP recipients. This ACIN may be copied and given to recipients requesting such assistance.

  
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